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4. New Saudi-FAO Agreement. On March 7 the SAG signed an agreement with the FAO under the terms of which the UN agency will supply experts to supervise water and agriculture studies and to draw up an "agricultural policy" for the Kingdom. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: It is not yet clear whether this agreement means that the long pending contracts with American consulting engineering firms for the survey of water and agricultural resources will be cancelled, or whether they will be renegotiated to fit within the new framework. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. New Regulations re Shipments to Saudi Arabia. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has issued a new set of regulations governing the importation of goods into the country. These regulations which become effective March 14, 1964, reaffirm the requirements that shipping documents must include:

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- a) a legalized certificate from the steamship company stating that the ship carrying goods to Saudi Arabia is not blacklisted and will not call at an Israeli port in the course of its journey to Saudi Arabia; and
- b) a legalized certificate from the insurance company stating that it is not on the blacklist, if the goods are insured abroad.

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Comment: Although the new regulations release the banks from their earlier obligations to see that goods are not insured by blacklisted insurance companies, the requirement for the two legalized certificates mentioned above will complicate and delay shipments from the United States. The Embassy is continuing its efforts to have these provisions eliminated. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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3. "We Will Convert Sea Water" was the headline given by al-Nadwa March 14 to a USIS release describing the arrival of a US Department of Interior team which arrived in the Kingdom to survey the possibilities of organizing a salt water conversion plant in the Hejaz. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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